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SUBJ: QATAR UNIVERSITY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING
TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

REF: DOHA 0228

1. DR. MOHAMED KAZEM, DEAN OF QATAR UNIVERSITY, ASKED US JUNE 14 WHETHER THERE WAS ANY PROSPECT OF AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING ENGLISH TEACHERS FOR QATAR U. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR HELP IN PROPOSING DR. RICHARD PAYNE, ALTHOUGH THIS HAD NOT WORKED OUT.

2. KAZEM SAID HE STILL HAD SLOTS FOR 3 OR 4 TEACHERS IN CATEGORIES DESCRIBED IN PARA 2B AND C OF REFTEL. KAZEM NOTED THAT SINCE OUR FIRST CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT THERE HAD BEEN IMPROVEMENT IN SALARIES OFFERED BY BETWEEN 15 AND 20 PERCENT--A 15 PERCENT

ACROSS THE BOARD GOVT-DECREED PAY HIKE AND A RE-EVALUATION OF THE QATAR RIYAL IN RELATION TO THE DOLLAR. KAZEM STATED THAT HE HAD HOPED THAT US RECESSION, AND PARTICULARLY UN-EMPLOYMENT IN ACADEMIC FIELD, WOULD HAVE MADE POSITIONS AT QATAR U. ATTRACTIVE TO AMERICANS.

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3. KAZEM SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY RECRUITED 4 UK NATIONALS FOR ENGLISH DEPT AND THAT HE HOPED TO BALANCE STAFF WITH AMERICANS.

HOWEVER, IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, HE WOULD AGAIN TURN TO UK.
ACCORDING KAZEM, HE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION WITHIN
NEXT TWO WEEKS IF ANY AMERICANS INTERESTED IN AVAILABLE
POSITIONS.

4. COMMENT: WE WERE, OF COURSE, DISAPPOINTED THAT QATAR U.
TURNED DOWN SUCH WELL QUALIFIED CANDIDATE AS PAYNE. ON
OUR OWN, WE HAD PRODUCED ANOTHER US PHD LINGUIST WHO ALSO FAILED
TO PASS MUSTER WITH KAZEM. NEVERTHELESS, WE DO BELIEVE HE
SINCERELY INTERESTED IN RECRUITING AMERICANS FOR ENGLISH DEPT
STAFF, AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE A REALISTIC DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT ON
PROSPECTS OF FINDING CANDIDATES FOR KAZEM WITHIN NEXT TWO
WEEKS. PERHAPS USIA ENGLISH TEACHING SECTION CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.
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